

Students lose fight to keep rents from raising

by Linda Fex

Approximately 90 students crowded into the Senate Chambers Thursday, March 6, to show support of the student motion to keep residence rents from increasing. The student representatives had presented the motion to Senate two weeks previous and it had been referred to a committee that was to report back to Senate in the next two weeks.

The representatives for the students were John Haase and Louis Corbell, both residents of Single Students. Following Mr. Hennessey (Managing Director of Services), address to the Senate, Haase and Corbell read the following statement, in both English and French.

"Mr. Hennessey estimates that if the residence fees are raised the occupancy rates will remain the same and there will be a deficit of approximately \$30,000 in the residences.

Four hundred students have in-

dictated that if the fees are raised they will not return next year. If 100 of those students do so, the university will have approximately \$73,000 less revenue than it anticipates. If 200 do so, there will be \$150,000 less. If 300 leave, this increases to \$215,000. If all 400 leave, the revenue lost to the university is \$280,000. If these students leave the university will lose 1,920,000 Btu's.

This petition was only circulated through UC and Single Students Residence. If students in the other residences carry out similar actions more than \$2 million will be lost."

Richard Wilson, Senator, then spoke on the students' behalf. He pointed out that there has been no rise in OSAP rates to correspond with the rise in rents and tuitions. He felt that the students inability to pay the fee increase should be taken into con-

sideration, and that the rise in fees would only discourage students from living in residence. "It is not too far fetched to say that if fees are left the same it would not be too difficult to fill the residences," said Wilson.

Wilson's speech was interrupted by the speaker of the Senate, Bruce McNeill, who informed him that he had run over the ten minute time allotted for an address. This was followed by a very limited debate, mostly by students. Before a vote was taken on the student motion, Rand Dyck, Principal of University College, proposed a motion for a compromise of 8% rise in fees. When the original student motion was voted on, it was defeated. There were 11 votes in favour, 10 against and three abstentions. Dyck's motion was then voted on and passed by Senate.

In an interview after the meet-



A dejected Richard Wilson ponders result of Senate's decision.

ing, Haase said that he was very disappointed by the lack of questions or debate by Senate. But he did not view the defeat as a complete loss. "People were complaining that the students had lost, but I feel it was both a win and loss. We were able finally to bring several points to Senate's attention. I think now they are beginning to take us seriously." Haase and Corbell have indicated that the matter is far from over. They plan to meet with Dr. Demarcus, chairman of the Board of Governors, next week to dis-

cuss this further. Haase felt that the tremendous student support will act greatly in their favour. He expressed disappointment with Rand Dyck's proposal. "If Rand hadn't proposed the compromise, perhaps the vote would have gone in our favour." Haase also felt that someone on Senate should have asked for a revote in view of the three abstentions and the closeness of the vote. "I am sure students will co-operate with our statement and not return to residence. The fight is not over yet," said Haase.

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BA to cost \$14,800

OTTAWA (CUP) -- If the student groups who claim that the government intends to make students pay for the whole cost of their education through their loans are right, then students are going to graduate in the future with a mammoth debt to repay.

Using Ontario as an example, the government currently esti-

mates the basic cost per university student per year to be \$2100 for the BA program. If tuitions were raised to this level, as the Ontario Federation of Students predicts, and the living allowance of \$1600 per year were to remain constant, then the total amount that the student would have to borrow for a year's worth of

education would be a whopping \$3700.

That means that a student who was not independently wealthy would have to borrow \$11,100 to get a three year BA, and \$14,800 to complete an honours degree.

Students in other programs where course costs are higher would have to borrow even more.

Council votes to ban 3 from pub

At the SGA council meeting March 3rd, it was decided by a 9 for, 8 against vote that "the council recommend to the Director of Services that Mark Mie-

to, Ron Patapchuck, and Ray McCormick be banned from the pub for the remainder of the year." This resolution proposed by Rachel Cantin was the second

by J. Paul Dugal

raised on the Mieto-Patapchuck incident. The first motion, stating that "Mark Mieto be removed from the position of Social Convenor henceforth and that he be paid up to the date of March 3, 1975, only," was defeated by a 12 against and 7 for vote. The vote was held after a long, trial-like meeting in which all the witnesses relating to the incident were called. Though approximately 100 students turned out to support the initial resolution, their support was confined to the hall as the meeting was held in camera. Holding the meeting in camera caused numerous complaints, especially by Wally Ross of Lambda who attempted to prove that holding the meeting in camera was unconstitutional. Wally was overruled and the meeting continued and the second resolution was eventually passed. Letters with copies of the resolution have since been sent to Mr. Hennessey, Mr. Ralche, and Jimmy Lappas.



Students at large stand outside entrance to SGA meeting after being ejected.

Narcs raid. students res

by Harry Sheppard:

Last Wednesday morning, two OPP and one RCMP narcotics officers knocked on the door of a student in Single Students Residence. After a thorough search of his apartment, the officers came up with three budding marijuana plants. The student was charged with possession of a narcotic.

The three marijuana plants were the pride and joy of this student. He lovingly described them to Lambda's reporter: one was just 3" tall while the other two were pushing nine inches. "Why is someone pissed off over just three plants?" he said.

Norm Ralche, Chief of Security, said that this was the first arrest for drugs here on campus that he was aware of.

A prevalent feeling amongst students on campus is that the university community is immuned to the activities of downtown law enforcement agencies. "I'll never get busted up here at Laurentian" is a statement heard on more than

one occasion.

"It's a fallacy!" according to Ralche. "Students (on campus) are living in a residence just like anywhere else and it has no different status from any other place in the community." Drugs are illegal, and if a student is caught with them, he will suffer the consequences. The RCMP, OPP and Regional officers all can and do come onto campus. They notify the University's security force when they do, as a courtesy, but this is in no way necessary.

Open and flagrant use of an illegal drug, especially in a public place is bound to offend some people, and consequently be reported. There are RCMP undercover agents presently at work in the Sudbury area, and as rumour has it, on campus as well.

Recently, an undercover agent on the campus of a western Canadian university succeeded in having 14 people charged with narcotics offenses.



Plants like these can get you arrested.

An Anti-Deportation spokesman

For some time now the question of Haitian deportations has been a subject of much controversy. The Mackasey and Andras laws do not permit Haitians arriving in Canada to take up residence here. They have come to Canada because of the intolerable living conditions created by the repressive Duvalier dictatorship and the imperialism of foreign countries who exploit the island only to accumulate profits which return to their own country. In Haiti there is absolutely no democratic freedom and Canada is to be blamed as much as any other country because in order to exploit Haiti's cheap-labor force it furnishes the dictatorship with aid that serves to maintain and reinforce Haitian repression. The barbaric case of arbitrary torture and execution are too numerous to cite, but suffice it to say that 30,000 Haitians

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have already gone down that road. The average annual revenue is of \$70, unemployment runs at 70% and illiteracy is at 90%.

It is not surprising that Haitians want to leave their country as

LU students told Canada supports torture

by Letitia Charbonneau
A.D.A.C.

quickly as possible. In fact, the Haitian government encourages them to leave, seeing in emigration a way of getting rid of the people opposed to its regime, and also a means of making a profit. A

passport costs \$60, and the bribes needed to obtain an exit visa often go as high as \$1,000. There was no Canadian Immigration office in Haiti until December 1973 and few Haitians knew of the change in

Canadian Immigration law in 1972. Many airline agencies, and the Haitian government itself, took advantage of this situation and, to make a buck out of it, assured the emigrants that all would be in order upon their arrival in Canada. So as soon as Haitians arrived in Canada they were faced with deportation. While their cases are being looked at, they are given work permits that tie them to one employer and to jobs that no decent Canadian will take because of dangerous and exhausting working conditions.

Meanwhile, the Haitians are suffering much hardship imposed on them by the Ministry of Immigration; brutal searches in the middle of the night without warrants, harassment and arrests at work, humiliating and discriminating treatment, racist attitudes. And at a time when a movement uniting the Haitian democratic organizations is going on in Canada, the Canadian police forces are attempting to halt the struggle of Haitian patriots by harassing political militants.

The Canadian government must recognize that these 1,500 Haitians actually in Canada, victims of a dictatorship of which it is an accomplice, in fact political refugees in every sense of the word, have the right to settle here. But on the contrary certain deportation procedures of the Ministry of Immigration are abusive, discriminatory and often illegal. A total revision of deportation policy would be imposed in normal circumstances but the Ministry of Immigration corrects only the most flagrant illegalities by following the legalist method of studying the cases individually. These studies only have a favorable outcome for the deportee if no serious problems present themselves. But, precisely, the totality of the cases of Haitian immigrants are problem-cases. They are striving to free themselves from economic and political oppression imposed on them by a savage dictatorship and by doing this very thing they expose themselves to the terrible reprisals of the tonton-macoutes, (or leopards, as they now call themselves), if and when they are forced to return to Haiti.

The Canadian Haitian organizations have never accepted the injustice of the treatment suffered by the Haitians and fight unceasingly to put an end to it. The Anti-Deportation Action Committee, has united several of these organizations in pursuing this struggle. The activities undertaken by the A.D.A.C. have contributed in winning a large section of Canadian public opinion, especially in Quebec. The progressive, democratic, humanitarian and religious sectors of Canadian society have pronounced their support of the Haitian cause. In the face of such solidarity the Canadian authorities protect Canadian investments in Haiti and refuse to accept the Haitians and denounce the Duvalier regime. It is the duty of students everywhere to unite and express their displeasure with this situation. The population of Northern Ontario, especially must unite itself to this cause for can we not consider ourselves apart of the Third World also. Our resources are exploited by Southern Ontario and we only keep a minimal part of the profits. The struggle of Haitians and peoples of the Third World everywhere is our cause and we cannot sit back calmly and watch the treatment they are receiving at the hands of our own government. We must act with them against the forces that are exploiting us all.

If you are interested in receiving more information on this subject, call Paula Fletcher at 566-4513 or Letitia Charbonneau at 675-6515.

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ADAC & Rosie Douglas speak here

With the Haitian Delegation speaking at the University on Feb. 24, was Rosie Douglas of 'Sir George Williams Fame'. Many of you may or may not remember the 'computer incident' of 1967 during which a number of foreign students protesting racism in the University were forced into a confrontation with the police and some valuable computers were destroyed. Well, Rosie paid his dues for his involvement - 17 months in jail and he is now on probation. Out of the 15 accused at Sir George, he has been the only to spend time in jail and the only one currently facing deportation. There was no 'leader' of the Sir George incident so why is one man singled out by the government for harassment, prison and possible deportation. After coming out of prison, Rosie wrote a number of pamphlets on the necessity of prison reform and prison reform as a social transformation. The Solicitor General Warren Allmand liked his work - so much he was offered a job with the federal government to pursue this line of penal reform. (Rosie refused the job offer). His deportation then becomes quite a contradiction when one realizes that Warren Allmand has to sign his deportation order as one of two cabinet ministers (Andras the other) ultimately responsible for the deportation. The same man who offered him a job just recently! If a man is considered to be "good" enough to be offered a government job does it not seem strange that the same government doesn't consider him "good" enough to remain in the country?

The day following his appearance at Laurentian, Douglas appeared at court in Montreal where he received a Stay of Deportation for one month while the judge reviews the evidence. New Law in Dominica:

Recently the government of Dominica, the tiny island in the Caribbean from which he hails, passed an 'anti-subversive' law which generally states that a police or military man may enter a residence or building where there is anyone 'suspected' of plotting or agitating against the government and if necessary shoot that or those persons. Our friend, Rosie, if deported back home, will likely be assassinated 'legally' by the Dominican government.

After listening to Douglas speak it is easier to see why certain elements in the Canadian government would like to see him gone - he is a fantastic and moving speaker. Words and truth are his weapons. His analyses of the 3rd World, Canadian Policy and university life are all very well

worked out and he's damn hard to argue against and win. Students and Universities:

Douglas claims that it is the responsibility of university students to understand their world within the university, that education is a critical process and this same critical process must be applied to one's immediate surroundings. For instance, students should be well aware of the power structure and university hierarchy:

Janitorial Staff
Students Student Government
Graduate Students
Assistant Profs
Full professors
Department Heads
University Administration
Board of Governors

Who is on the Board of Governors? - what are his/her corporate and social connections inside/outside Sudbury? What difference does this make in the running and orientation of the university and what sort of face does the university present to the community of Sudbury? What is the responsibility of university students within a community - to remain aloof or to work with community groups and issues.

Elliot Lake:

As an example Rosie mentioned the silicosis epidemic and death rate in Elliot Lake and suggested that this is the type of community issue in which university students should become conscious of, raise hell about, and offer assistance with research and media. From the university, it is necessarily the students which must involve themselves in fighting issues as it is not the nature of the Board of Governors to take up such concerns. (In fact some of these people might hold stock in Denison in Rio Algom!)

In short, Douglas stated that no educational institute can have educational credibility within its community unless it involves itself in the community.

Still only Working People:

And don't be naive, he cautioned students, regarding a university education, as one comes to university only to acquire skills and to return to the labour force and sell our labour power, perhaps at higher prices. However, we are still working people, subject to all fluctuations and distortions of the economy and not the owners of the means of production. Douglas urged us all to be realistic about our approach to the work place and be conscious of our position in the over-

all Canadian economy and with whom our interests lie.

Immigration:

Douglas sees the latest play of our government is to stuff off the problems of inflation and unemployment onto the back of immigrant workers. Through the Green Paper, government policy is attempting to change a debate which should center around the economy of this country to a debate on population. At this point in history, the latest immigrants to Canada, Black Workers, are being used as scape goats.

Immigration fluctuates with the economic situation. If we are in a period of boom a great number of immigrants are encouraged to come into the country. When the economy declines immigration is halted. The interpretation of this situation by the Canadian people is important for they feel that there must be too many immigrants here now. A common misconception is that immigrants are taking away our jobs. On the whole the immigration which is being stopped is the immigration of poor and working class people to this country who happen to fill jobs which many Canadians won't do. As Douglas points out the textile and secondary manufacturing industries are totally dependent on cheap, immigrant, non-unionized labour for survival.

Racism:

- An Historical Process
With every new wave of immigration to this country, be it Irish, Chinese, Italian, eastern European or Black there has been a backlash of racism against these peoples. The racism perpetrated against the Black immigrants today is part of an historical process - formally with the deportation of the Haitians (1500 French speaking workers, with jobs, being deported from Quebec - a province currently scouring the work over to encourage french speaking immigrants to the province - is a major contradiction) and informally by turning a blind eye to the vicious, anti-Black and avowedly fascist group in Toronto, the Western Guard which operates in para-military fashion in Toronto.

The economy and prosperity of this country, Douglas says, has been built from the sweat of immigrant labour. An attack against

the most visible immigrant component of the Canadian work force today, is an attack against the working class as a whole.

Multinational Corporations and Immigration:

Does Canada have a responsibility to those of the Third World who want to come and work here? Yes, says Douglas. The huge multinational corporations operating out of North America are drawing vast profits from labour intensive resource industries in the Third World. Of the total profits made from the exploitation of the resources of the peoples of the Third World, meagre amounts return for re-investment in other industries, secondary manufacturing and processing, which would create jobs. For reasons such as these, Haiti, for example, has an unemployment rate of 70%.

The multinational corporations operating in the name of Canada and extracting such high profits from the Third World deny the

peoples of the Third World the right to self-development. Through our new immigration policies we prevent those same people from 'following the capital' leaving the area to its resting place in North America. They now face the situation of no jobs at home and severely restricted mobility in immigrating to our 'developed' country as is their right. However logical this argument presented by Douglas, the Canadian government doesn't seem to think in these logical and humane terms.

We are facing a crisis in capitalism and we can't allow the immigrants in this country or people of the Third World to bear the brunt.

Douglas left off urging all students to action around serious issues facing us as Canadians. He defined 'apathy' as 'a manifestation of powerlessness' and cited lack of 'consistent leadership' as one of the failings of the student movements, realizing that with conscientious work and consistency a critical and informed student movement can grow at Laurentian.

Abortion needed

TORONTO (CUP) -- As the Ontario government's contribution to International Women's Year Industry, management and labour leaders will be invited to talk with the government about promoting equal employment opportunities for women.

The government also plans to make grants of up to \$1,000 for projects designed to improve the status of women and to officially recognize Ontario's most outstanding women.

The day-long meeting on Feb. 18 will involve chief executive officers and other senior personnel who will meet with the premier to discuss practical ways to assist women employees in developing career potential.

The government will offer consultation and program direction for employers from all over Ontario to initiate and further an affirmative action program for the benefit of women employees said Ethel McLellan women's year program co-ordinator.

Government ministries and Crown agencies will be encouraged to develop continuing projects which will benefit women whether they are students, homemakers or employees in both the public and private sectors, she said.

The centre said with this many women being turned down the hospital must have made some policy changes.

Women have been phoning the Centre recently asking for information on illegal abortions. The Centre said this had never happened before.

One aspect of the work at the Women's Centre is to make information on abortion available. At this point they find the task impossible, as they do not know City Hospital's new policy.

Business Manager fired

Lambda's business manager was fired recently after Lambda staff discovered a number of discrepancies in receipts and accounts. Investigations are currently being conducted to discover the extent and nature of these discrepancies.



Porfirio

Part of the crowd at the combined Rosie Douglas and ADAC meeting



Porfirio

Rosie Douglas stresses a point



S.G.A. - a farce

by Wally Ross

BECAUSE MAN IS A SOCIAL ANIMAL AND WORKS TOWARDS GETTING ALONG WITH HIS FELLOW BEINGS, OUR PREDECESSORS, THROUGH HISTORY, HAVE COME UP WITH A BASICALLY FAIR SYSTEM OF ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN SOME SORT OF ORDER IN SOCIETY. TO PLEASE EVERYONE IS AN INDEALISTIC GOAL, AND CAN NEVER BE ACCOMPLISHED. BUT TO STRIVE FOR IT IS WORTHWHILE.

IN ORDER TO DO THIS, A SET OF GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN, TO ACT AS A STANDARD, A MEASURING STICK, FROM WHICH THE POPULACE ABSTRACT BEHAVIOURAL BOUNDARIES AND A SENSE OF KNOWING "WHERE THEY STAND". IF THESE GUIDELINES DID NOT EXIST, ALL WOULD BE CHAOTIC, AND THERE WOULD BE NO BASE FROM WHICH TO BUILD OUR SOCIAL STRUCTURE. THESE GUIDELINES ARE THE "LAWS OF THE LAND."

MOVING FROM A NATIONALISTIC POINT-OF-VIEW, TO ONE THAT IS CLOSER AT HAND, LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY, WE HAVE GUIDELINES TO ADHERE TO AS WELL. THESE DIRECTIVES NOT ONLY COME FROM THE "POWERS THAT BE" UPSTAIRS, BUT ALSO FROM THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES- OUR CONSTITUTION.

TO ENDEAVOR TO RUN A STUDENT BODY, WITHOUT AN ESTABLISHED CODE, WOULD ONLY RESULT IN PANDEMONIUM. WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE CONSTITUTION, STABILITY AND CONTINUITY WOULD NOT PREVAIL. AT THE LAST SGA MEETING, PANDEMONIUM DID BREAK OUT.

THE PRESIDENT, NEIL MCDONALD, WHO HAD SO CONVINCINGLY WEASELED THE POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF SAID MEETING, BECAUSE HE SAID THAT HE WAS SUCH AN AUTHORITY ON ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND POSSESSES IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF OUR CONSTITUTION AND ITS BY-LAWS, PROCEEDED TO RUN HIS KANGAROO COURT.

JIM NORDIN ASKED, AS THE MIETO ISSUE CAME UP, FOR "A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE" AND AFTER MCDONALD, SO DILIGENTLY READ FROM HIS RULE BOOK, STATED THAT THIS PRIVILEGE WAS GRANTED. NORDIN'S REQUEST WAS THAT ALL VISITORS TO THE MEETING BE REMOVED. A BRIEF DISCUSSION FOLLOWED RESULTING IN EVERYONE QUIETLY LEAVING AND THE MEETING WAS TO CONTINUE "IN CAMERA" (CLOSED TO ALL BUT THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT).

THIS ACTION DID NOT SET WELL WITH SEVERAL STUDENTS, INCLUDING MYSELF, AS THE CONSTITUTION STATES THAT, "ALL COUNCIL (SGA) MEETINGS ARE CONSIDERED 'OPEN' UNLESS OTHERWISE DECIDED AT EVERY SAID MEETING BY AN AFFIRMATIVE TWO-THIRD (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ENTIRE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL". (ARTICLE VI, 1). NEIL DID NOT CALL FOR THIS VOTE! IT NEVER HAPPENED.

MCDONALD'S ARGUMENT WAS THAT HE WAS GOING BY THE CONSTITUTION THAT STATES, "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER (REVISED) SHALL BE THE STANDING RULES OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE, THE COUNCIL AND THEIR COMMITTEES UNLESS THESE RULES ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE CONSTITUTION OR ITS BY-LAWS, IN WHICH CASE THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS BY-LAWS SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE." (ARTICLE VI, 3). ARTICLE VI, 1, TAKES PRECEDENCE.

IT WAS POINTED OUT TO YOUR PRESIDENT THAT HE WAS NOT FOLLOWING CORRECT PROCEDURE, THAT THE CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE VI, 1) OVERRULED HIS ROBERT'S RULE ON "A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE" AND THAT IF HE PROCEEDED, IT WOULD BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. DISCUSSION CONTINUED, UNTIL NORTON GOT UP AND SAID, "IF YOU DON'T LEAVE, I WILL, AND WE WON'T HAVE QUORUM" - THUS I WAS COERCED INTO LEAVING.



UPON FURTHER DEBATE IN THE HALL, WITH THE OTHER 30 EJECTED STUDENTS, I RE-ENTERED THE MEETING RE-STATING THE CASE. MCDONALD THREATENED, THAT "IF YOU DON'T LEAVE IN ONE MINUTE, I'LL CALL THE MEETING AND IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF YOU." REALIZING THAT I WAS GETTING NO WHERE WITH OUR RESPONSIBLE ELECTED LEADER, I RETREATED.

ALL WE WANTED WAS THE VOTE TO BE HELD, AS STATED IN OUR CONSTITUTION. WE WERE NOT CONVINCED THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE SGA COUNCIL WANTED THE MEETING TO BE HELD 'IN CAMERA'. HAD MCDONALD FOLLOWED CORRECT PROCEDURE, CALLED FOR THE VOTE, AND THEN ACTED ON THE RESULTS OF THAT VOTE, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEMS. BUT, HE WANTED TO RUN THE SHOW HIS WAY. JUST BEFORE I MADE MY LAST EXIT, I ASKED MCDONALD, "DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING BY THE CONSTITUTION?" HIS REPLY WAS, "I'M GOING BY THE RULES". I ASKED MYSELF, "WHOSE RULES?"

ANOTHER THING. MCDONALD WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING. THIS IS ALSO UNCONSTITUTIONAL! BY-LAW NO. 17.01 STATES "THE SPEAKER SHALL BE THE VICE-PRESIDENT WHOSE DUTIES SHALL BE TO PRESIDE AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, TO PRESIDE AT MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT, TO INTERPRET THIS CONSTITUTION, AND TO ENFORCE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURE." WE HAVE TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS! WHY WAS MCDONALD CHAIRMAN? WHY DID HE WANT TO CHAIR THIS MEETING IN PARTICULAR? BECAUSE HE KNEW THE RULES? BECAUSE HE WAS THE MOST INFORMED PERSON THERE REGARDING CORRECT PROCEDURE AND THE CONTENT OF OUR CONSTITUTION? BULL SHIT! HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT BY-LAW 16.04 EXISTED! IN FACT, I HAD TO REPEAT IT MORE THAN ONCE.

AND GET THIS. JUST BEFORE THE COUNCIL WAS TO VOTE ON THE MOTION, "THAT MARK MIETO BE REMOVED FROM THE POSITION OF SOCIAL CONVENOR HENCEWITH, AND THAT HE BE PAID UP TO DATE, MARCH 3, 1975 ONLY", MCDONALD PUT IN A LAST PLUG, (NOTICE, HE'S AN UNBIASED CHAIRMAN), TO THE EFFECT THAT IF THE MOTION IS PASSED, "I WILL PERSONALLY RESIGN". IT WAS DEFEATED 12-7 WITH NO ABSTENTIONS.

BRIEFLY SUMMARIZING, MCDONALD ACTED KNOWINGLY AGAINST OUR CONSTITUTION, HE TOOK THE CHAIR ILLEGALLY, MADE PERSONAL STATEMENTS AS THE CHAIR AND TRIED TO USE WHAT AUTHORITY HE HAD TO INFLUENCE THE VOTING OF COUNCIL.

BY-LAW NO. 14.01 STATES, CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF ELECTED MEMBERS, "MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SHALL ACT WITH DILIGENCE, HONESTY, AND GOOD FAITH IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE SGALU AND THE UNIVERSITY".

BY-LAW NO. 15.02 STATES, "THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE RESIGNED WHEN A PETITION FOR HIS REMOVAL, SIGNED BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SGALU IS PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE, PROVIDED THAT NO MORE THAN ONE QUARTER (1/4) OF SUCH MEMBERS ARE FROM ANYONE COMMITTEE."

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Letters

Dopers

Dear Editor

Us dope fiends on campus have been sitting back and watching the other minorities asserting their rights and proclaiming their independence from the rest of society. Well we would like some progress made towards the legalization of marijuana which would seem to be a natural piece of legislation to follow Bill 22, if the government is going to treat all minorities with the same respect.

Perhaps the SGA would call the student body to vote on a bill legalizing marijuana on campus. If the motion was passed, the effectiveness would lie in the gesture rather than in the actual legalization, as the press would be almost sure to pick it up and publicize it. Needless to say the press is one of the most effective forms of political articulation.

If the SGA should decide not to put this matter before the student body, we dope smokers will be forced to follow the general trend towards factionalization, and establish our own student organization.

Joe (Average) Students

Mieto affair

Dear Sir:

Indeed, "our" student government moves in mysterious ways. Why has Neil "god" MacDonald and his pals banned Ron Potapchuk from the pub. Surely the victim isn't to be punished along with the criminal. I fail to see the logic.

Name Withheld

Dear Editor:

I can truthfully say that I did not vote for Neil MacDonald last spring.

Sincerely,
Michael Hodgson

More letters

Social Worker pleads for quality

As a member of the Laurentian University community and quite familiar with the School of Social Work, I feel a great need to appeal to this University to take a close look at what is happening on the 8th Floor.

In an effort to expand, the doors of the School of Social Work have been thrown wide open with the result that ANYONE is admitted. Gone are the days of a close knit school which had an interest in each and every student. Gone are the days when you were required to do more than just say "I'd like to be a Social Worker" to be admitted to the School. Within the future plans of turning out hundreds of Social Workers one must remember it is a PROFESSIONAL Degree and is therefore subject to certain standards. Just because someone "wants" to become a Dr. does not a Dr. make. Nor should it a Social Worker make. I have seen papers that have received marks which overestimated the calibre of the work that was presented. It is becoming the trend to shrug off Social Work assignments and classes as "Bldrs". In light of this attitude one must try to remember that this is

an HONOURS University Program and not a Community College program (in some cases it is necessary to remind yourself that it is not High School either).

My greatest concern comes when I see and hear SOME of these students in their dealings with clients. If the School could forget for one moment how busy everyone has become in the name of expansion and take a closer look at the students who will someday bear the name of SOCIAL WORKER and LAURENTIAN GRADUATE, I think you will see that some of these students do not belong there. At a time when Social Workers are struggling to make their Professional quality known and to escape from the Image of Welfare Worker, I feel it is the School's responsibility to train the best Social Workers that they can.

Again, in the name of expansion, the fourth year students have lost their opportunity to take part in honours seminars as are available in other departments. Instead classes are suddenly full of 3rd and 4th year students, both at different theoretical and practical levels which only results in the

retardation of advancement for those who are ready to advance. I plead with you that in the ef-

fort to expand, DO NOT FORGET QUALITY FOR THE SAKE OF QUANTITY.

...and tenure

Dear Editor:

Too often Laurentian University students have to put up with the incompetence of a growing number of professors. Why do we have to passively put up with it? For the simple reason that they have tenure and are, ipso facto, untouchable. They are given a license to make the stupidest mistakes, to be boring and old-fashioned in their classes, to indefinitely refrain from participating in the decision-making process (both at the departmental level and at higher levels: division councils, Senate) without feeling the least bit guilty or indebted to the university student body.

It is easy to obtain tenure at this university (all you need to do is sit quietly for two or three

years, without bothering the administration too much, give a few signs of life now and then until at last you are accepted by some tenure committee - also made-up of tenured profs!); in the same way, it is just as difficult to lose tenure then it is to obtain it. To fire a tenured prof, various conditions have to be satisfied; a serious economic crisis (Laurentian's economic problems are usually tempered by the bilingualism grant); armed theft (in "theft" we don't include misuse of funds, misrepresentation - the professor posing as a professor - or blackmail of the kind "Shut up or I'll flunk you"); indecent exposure (this category doesn't include the "indecencies" taught by a professor in his classes -

and they are numerous!); subversive activities (here, the category is left rather vague - the suggestion that students should govern themselves is considered subversive since it encourages people to be independent).

The truth is that to provide grounds for firing a Laurentian University prof, it would practically be necessary for the president himself to catch him in the following situation: strolling around the hallways completely naked holding a bomb made from materials stolen from the science labs, and only if the bomb were intended for one of the administrators. He would then be fired only if the university is in a serious economic crisis (ie: if it hasn't received its bilingualism grant) You can see that such a combination of circumstances doesn't happen very often.

So what can we do if one of our profs really gets to us? Right now, I don't know (or rather, I'm just starting to get a few ideas!) One thing is sure: if several students who are determined to get a professor fired looked for solutions, they would surely find one. Don't wait for an economic crisis or for the prof to make a bomb (he probably doesn't know how!) If you really feel that a professor is incompetent, don't hesitate. You and your parents are paying his salary. You can insist on competence - it's your right.

Denis Lapointe

BRAIN DRAIN

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SGA? DID THEY FULFILL THESE FUNCTIONS THIS YEAR?

Pat Cunningham
2nd year economics

"They should be using our money better. Their social events are alright but they're losing money; such as on Bob McBride, which wasn't very publicized."



Ruth Lauden
1st year Translator

"The SGA should get the best things for the students and provide services. Other SGA's are more efficient - from what I've heard, they're not fulfilling their function."



Dr. Buse
History Professor

"Their function is to represent the students. There's ample opportunity for students to start clubs, but there's no intellectual endeavours, such as invited guest speakers."



Miss Kroft
1st year nursing

"I think the SGA should do something about student services such as food services - I find it very expensive."



Nicole Roy
2nd year Geography

"I guess its to answer to the suggestions of the students - I think its fulfilling that function."



John Devlin
2nd year Social Work

"The SGA's function is to fulfill the students wishes to the best of their ability. They're not doing this at all. Students aren't aware of what goes on at council meetings. They should become publicized. Students should be aware of how close knit and power hungry the SGA is. It would open their eyes."



Renee Gaudet
1st year Social Work

"It should serve students interests, in activities and relations with administration. I don't think they're doing that. There's not much communication between students and student councils, Lambda gives some information, but council meetings and decisions are never posted."



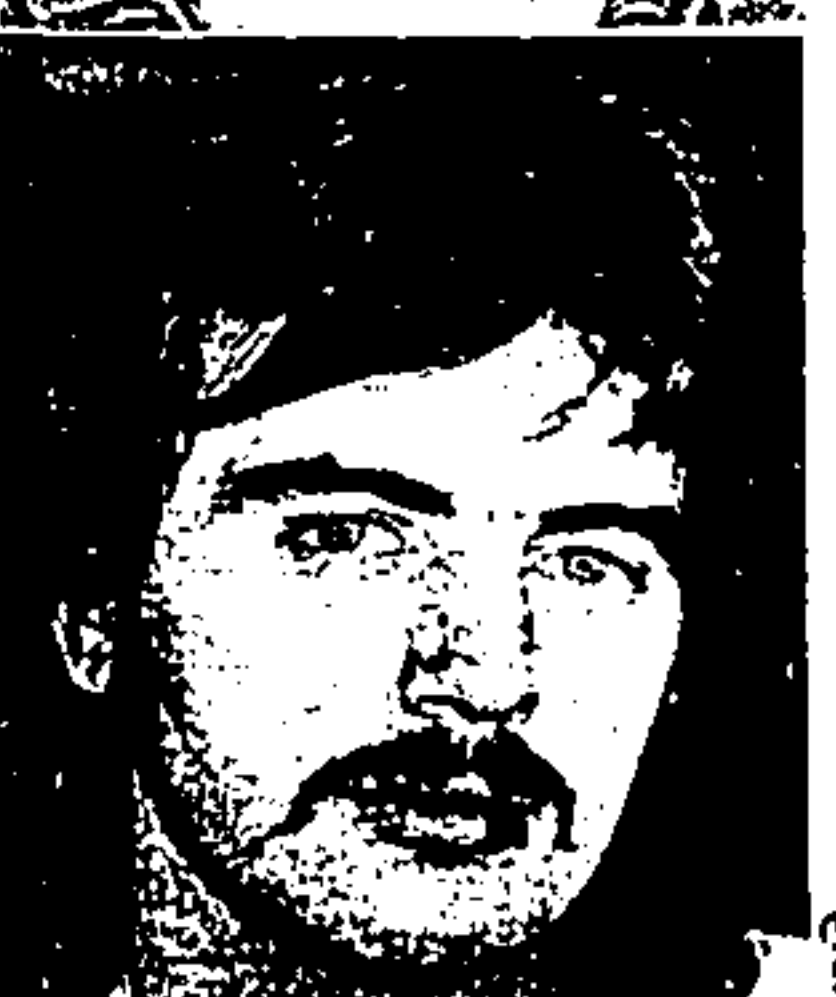
Ted Kirk
2nd year Poli. Sci.

"I think their function is to serve the student body as a whole and not just a few, as its presently doing - It should serve cultural and social interests of the whole student body. They should try to encourage the student body which they haven't done."



Alex Zaychuk
3rd year Sociology

"The SGA should be running their policies in correspondence to the students' needs on this campus. They should be providing a device for the students, at the present moment they are not doing this."



Bill Scandian
4th year Poli. Sc.

"The SGA should be spokesman for the student. They're not fulfilling that function at all, what's worse, there's been no serious attempt by them to fulfill that function. The SGA has become a place where select people can obtain money by providing absurdly minimal services with relation to the money received."

Students lack grammar

The February 27th issue of the *Globe and Mail* ran an article entitled "University Students Without Grammar." It appears that inability to write good grammar is so prevalent among college students that some universities (Concordia, Carleton, U. B.C., and Wilfred Laurier) have taken steps to correct the situation.

Various tests are being administered to gauge the grammar habits of incoming students, in writing prose, tests for basic grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure. As few as 25% of the tested students have adequately passed the composition tests.

Carleton, for example is offering a writing tutorial program,

and Wilfred Laurier's business faculty requires students who have scored low scores in a basic skills test, to take a remedial English course.

Laurentian University has no general English testing requirements. However, the English department is working on a test that will be required for students in the English Department. The department has one general course available for helping with English, English 1500, Language and Communication.

Counselling Services offers without charge non-credit courses in both Remedial Reading and Remedial Writing.

Inadequate feedback on term papers and essays is adding to the dilemma by having extremely poor

comment. Frequently, comments on essays are as few as this comment. "80%" - Beautiful mark, but how are students expected to get higher achievement levels.



University students need more grammar.

At The Movies

A few months ago I had the privilege of attending a very special event. The event was EARTHQUAKE. No movie I have ever seen was done on such a grandiose scale. Of all the event pictures, Earthquake stands out.

The fantastic effect of the movie itself is enhanced by a speaker

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Paul Dugal



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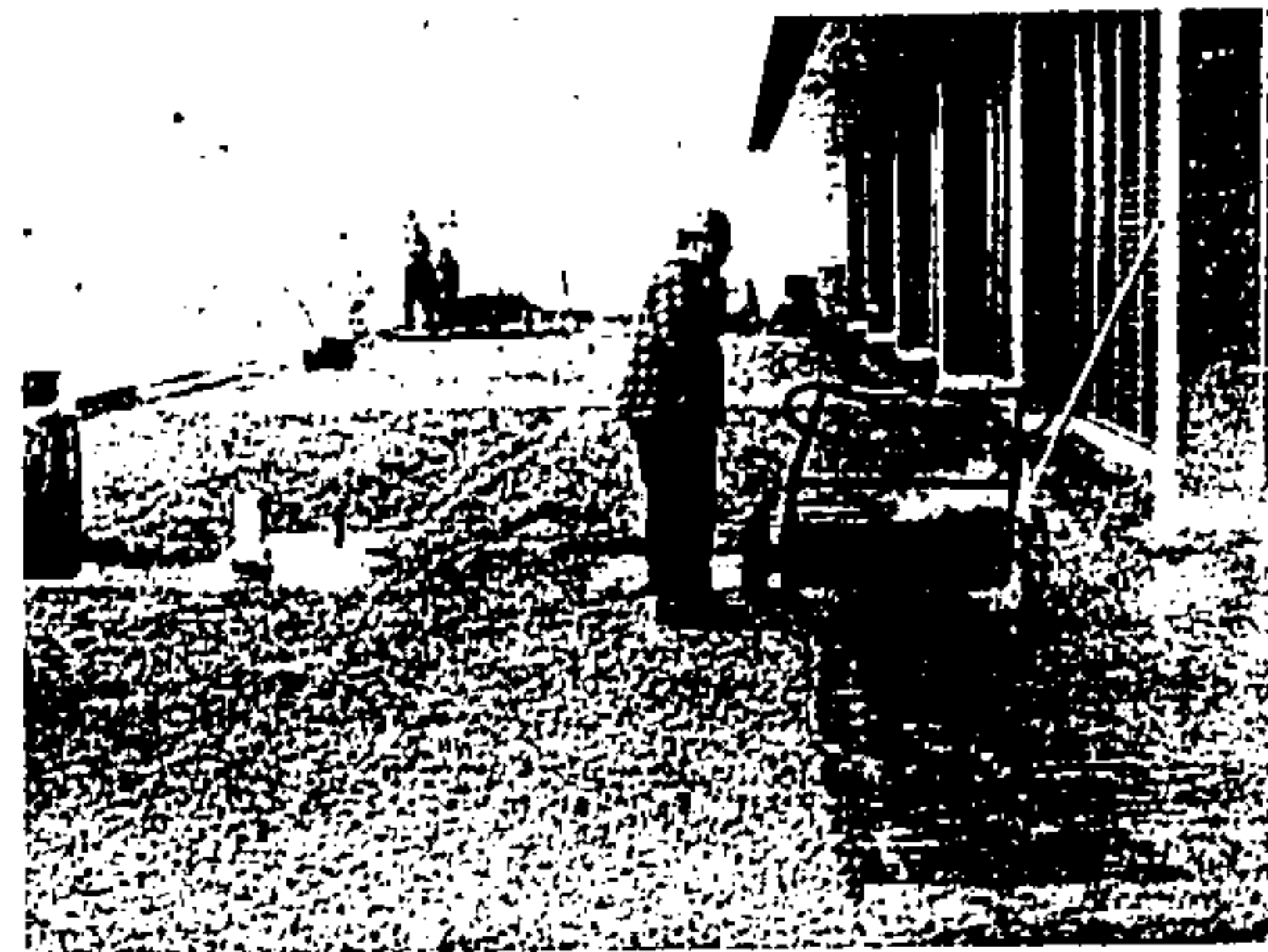
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Leak in Library roof repaired

by Wally Ross

Maintenance is spending approximately \$9,000 to repair the leaking east side of the 4th floor roof, of the Library Tower. Since last winter, this section has been giving problems and it was finally decided to replace a portion of it, rather than patch it up for an estimated \$6,000.

What has happened, is that the material is subjected to extreme temperature variances throughout the year. Mr. E.J. Leclerc, Plant Superintendent, states that on a warm melting day in March, the tar can reach a temperature as high as 170 degrees F. and drop, over a few hours, to below zero at night. This causes considerable expansion and contraction of the roofing materials, resulting in cracking. Water gets in between the layers of paper and tar, causing further damage - eventually a leak.

L.U. roofs have always been a problem and Mr. Leclerc says "that patching is expensive and not the answer. Replacing the membrane (roofing layers) seems to be the answer."

The present repair job is contracted out to a local firm and it is expected to be completed by the end of the week. It is guaranteed by the company for two years. A real drop in warranty, as when

the university was first built, the time lapse was 20 years!

York University is having similar problems. The only cure for this continuous headache is "what I call the upside-down roof. The tar and paper (4 layers) is placed immediately on the cement roof. Insulation is then put on with crushed stone to hold it down." This will prevent such a large range in thermal shock, as "the heat loss from the building will keep the tar at a fairly constant temperature."

Mr. Leclerc also discussed the problem of the leaking roof in U.C. residence. "The roof hatch, was up to NHA standards, but not the best". A very strong wind "worked the hatch loose, and this broke the membrane around it." Thus, 11th floor gets an unexpected shower once in a while. He assured me that the situation is being taken care of. Therefore, ladies, just hope for a dry spring and keep those buckets handy.



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Hoop Vees

This past weekend in Fredericton, the LU Vees Women's Basketball team defeated the UBC Thunderbirds to become National Champs. The Birds won the title last year, so the Vees knew they would have to play a fast, close game if they were to take the Championship away from UBC. The final score was Vees 59, Thunderbirds, 49. Scoring for the Vees were Anne Hurley, 17; Sheila Strike with 16, Michelle Belanger with 16 also; Gail Russell and Kathy Jennings with four each and Sue Swain with two.

Congratulations to all the ladies!

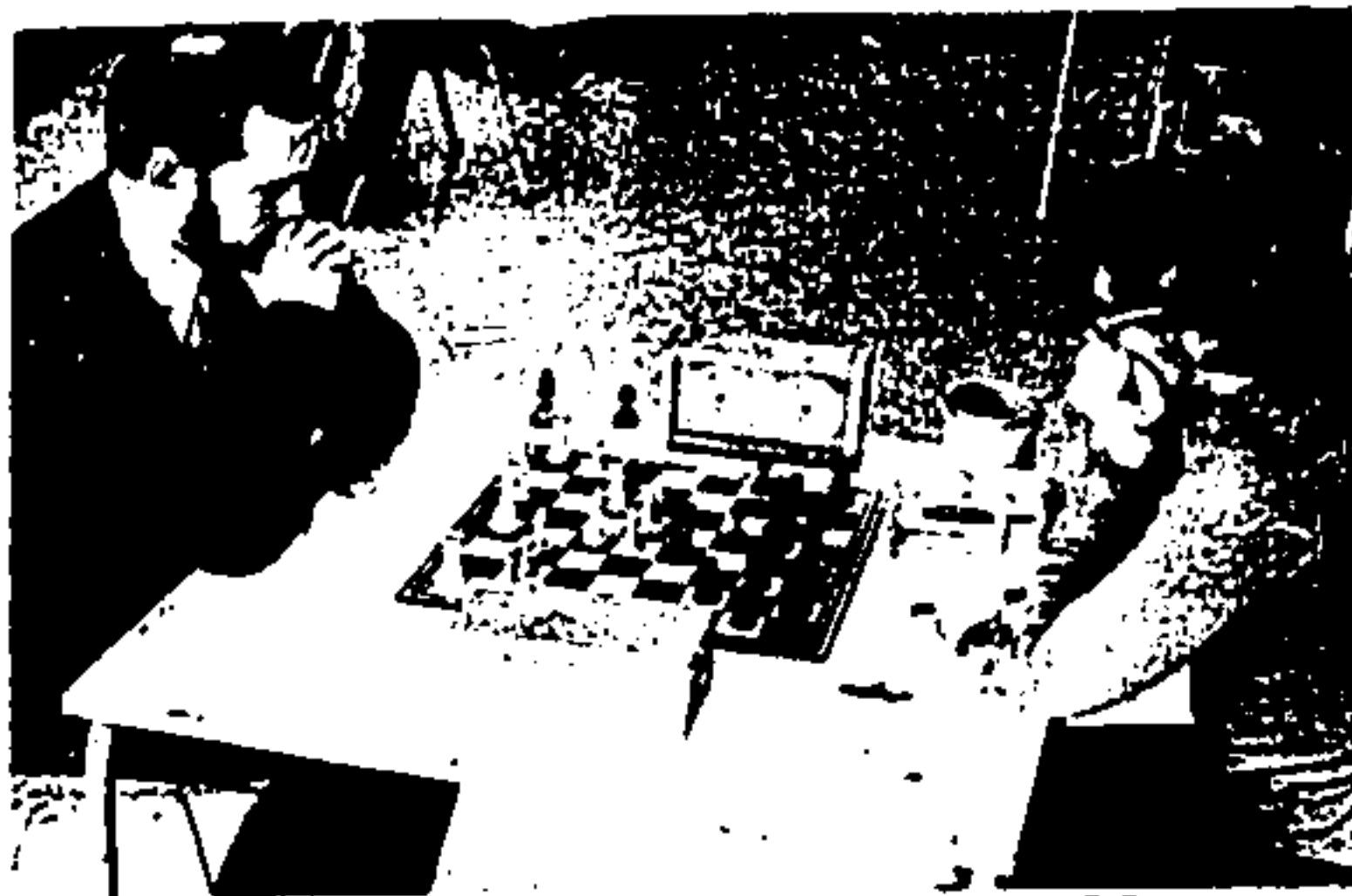


photo: Wally Ross

Joe Horton and Bob Kiviaho Chess Tournament

The winners of the Chess Tournament held last weekend are the following:

Bob Kiviaho and Joe Horton tied for prize winners of the tournament.

The two way tie under 1800 was won by Robert Whissell and Tom Hughes.

The winner of the unrated category was Mike Alimento.

Hockey



Ross

Huntington College Hockey Gals

Front row, left to right: Donna Tubman, Debbi Patterson, Linda Blanchard, Judy Allen, Suzie David; 2nd row: Artie Fraser (coach), Peggy Barlow, Beth Hamilton, Marg Black, Gay Lynne, Miller; 3rd row: Karen Schadlock, Marg McBay, Sally Graham, Nancy George, Sue Giffin, Chuck Osborne. Absent: Mary Gail Smith, Pauline Heindnen, Mary Ann Disanno, Jill Christillaw.

now No.1

Laurentian Swimmer

In the Canadian Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championship held at Thunder Bay the weekend of March 1-2, Laurentian's ace swimmer, Roman Bauman, finished with a silver medal in both the 100 and 200 yard breast-stroke events. His showing earned him a spot on the All-Canadian

Intercollegiate swim team. In the women's swim competitions, Karen Faddis placed third in the consolations.

Laurentian's lone entry in the diving meet, Anne Hodges, finished 8th on the 3-metre board, and 7th on the 1-metre board.

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U.C. Girls Hockey

Top Row (left to right): Ron Potapchuk, John Devlin; 2nd Row: Donna Hansen, Connie Kuc, Cherie Zaiser, Jocelyne Chandler, Krys Grygorcewicz, Sue Baer, Judy Wells; Bottom Row: Denise Fortier, Lillian Kallio, Kathy Kavaghna, Ann-Mark Baril.

Women on the Blades

by Wally Ross

If you want to see a good game of hockey and enjoy it, Women's Intramural is it!

Last week was my first encounter with the sport. I must say that I was treated to an excellent game of good passing, hard body checks and one hour of laughs, to the point of hysterics. Don't get me wrong about the laughing! the women made good hockey plays. It's just to see them out there falling, fanning and scoring. They use the boards well, not only for passing the puck, but also for stopping. The action had many more near-goal situations than men's and many turnovers.

It was entertaining and exciting. The colour combinations of uniforms was very impressive, the use of hockey mits - rather than gloves - and the ability to stop so soon with their skates added new dimensions to the game. Break-aways were common and team spirit was just unreal. There was 100% involvement by all. I've never heard Bell Grove so noisy and so full of enthusiasm!

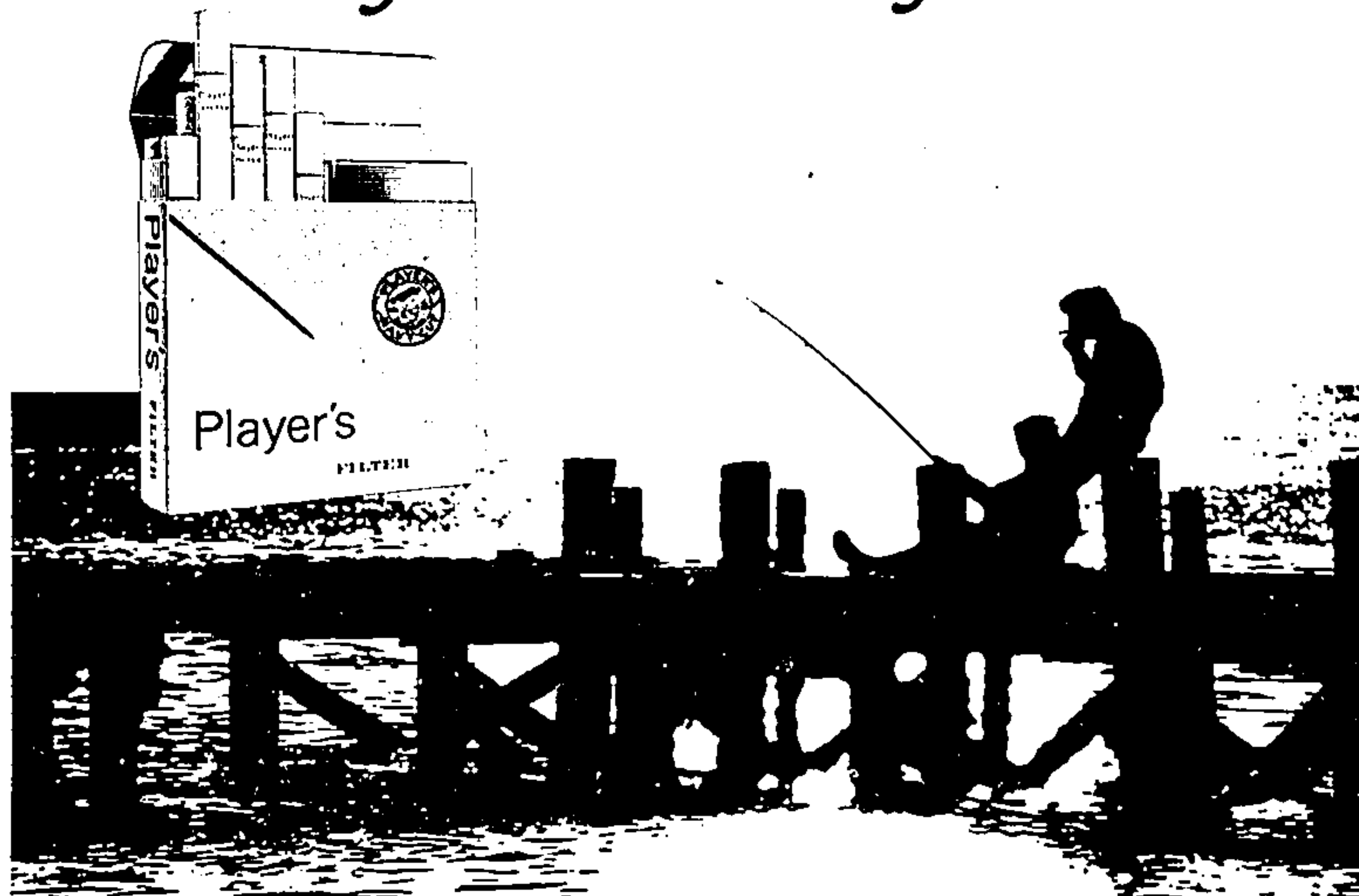
Too bad men's hockey has to be taken so seriously.

Following is a summary of last week's scores.

MONDAY:
U of S 3 Huntington 2
U.C. 1 Phys. Ed. 6

WEDNESDAY
U of S Phys. Ed.
U.C. 3 Huntington 3

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ISO elections



Last Thursday, March 6, the ISO elected their new executive for 1975-76. They are from left to right: Vice-President, public Relations- Herb Ruiss, Austrian Canadian; Social Coordinator- Felicia Ihekwoaba, Nigerian; Vice-President of Social Activities - Valerie Robichard, French Canadian; Treasurer - Haran Mahabirsingh, Trinidadian; Secretary - Iris Koczulak, Ukrainian Canadian; Social Coordinator - Annick Constant, Haitian; and President - Desmond Anthony, Guyanese Canadian. The final social get-together of this year for the ISO will be April 4.



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The Unicorn

Sandy Siren

I would like to introduce at this time the newest non-paying and non-voting member of the U.C.S.C. - Mark Paul Ouellette - born to Paula and Louis Ouellette on Thursday, March 6. Mother and son are doing just fine, while Dad is in pretty rough shape but recovering nicely.



The boys in the back room report that at this late date they still do have tickets for the fourth annual University College Banquet to be held Friday, March 14 at the Caruso Club. The price of \$15 includes in chronological order, flowers at the door for the ladies, cocktails (6:30

p.m.), dinner (7:30 p.m.), music ("The Cooper Brothers" hit the stage at 9:00 p.m.) and all supplemental refreshments. By word of mouth, by print of poster, the news has spread that the UC Banquet is the veritable highlight of the current social season. Buy your tickets pronto from any member of the Students' Council of University College and guarantee yourself a niche in College history.

Speaking of history, it has almost become a tradition (do two years warrant tradition) to present you with an instant replay of the year's highlights since the current council is woefully preparing to vacate office. Coming on your screen late in the fifth quarter, the University College Councilettes stumbled out into the fray and topped the league standings. Quarterback Louis (Boring Peasant) Ouellette, dazzled the spectators with his passes to the English Vice - President (Not another poster!) who had to be escorted back to the Councilettes' locker room, suffering from severe magic marker poisoning.

Right guards Max (Hill 'n Run) Battistoni and Ron (E Mungus) Potapchuk kept morale at a fever pitch with their rousing choruses of the team song from under the bench. Through UC dances and Carlsberg Nights, Safety Lilly Borges had all of the team's official correspondence to contend with and did a great job of keeping the play books in order too.

During the second scrimmage, Serge (makes great spaghetti sauce) Massie went decoy left for the Sunshine Bus Drive, strayed off to the sidelines for French River, but snapped the ball back just after half-time to make it as a Voyageur for the team's Winter Carnival exploits. Then, from utter exhaustion he passed out behind the goal posts. And even while momentarily sidetracked by the Councilettes' flawless lateral passes, financier Peter Doyle kept the win-loss tally straight and with nary a call for illegal procedure.

Pat (Let me sell you an a' in our yearbook . . . real cheap) Legris and Bob Murphy, captains of the first and third lines, were instrumental in organizing the team's pre-season training camp and aided with their bench strength reserves.

Pat Patterson, our Sociable Director, fumbled her way through innumerable pep talks but managed to hold that line until tackled by the Winter Carnival Committee and a possible position on next year's squad.

Lillian Kallio and Barb Gallagher did their part in keeping the intramural sessions together while running interference for the team's astounding manoeuvres. Late into the second half they're still in the huddle preparing for the annual Athletic Banquet and a gain of 15 yards.

Julia (Mighty Might) Sidsworth finally unglued herself from the layout pages just in time to organize the season in print via the UC yearbook.

UC representatives to the SGA, Vivian (Point of Order) Easton, Anita (Kagawong Kid) Fraser, Ted (Point of Information) Kirk and Sandy (What the expletive deleted am I doing here) Siren kept the proceedings lively . . . to say the very least.

The whole crew got together for one last offensive play and swept down the field with the UC Banquet for the clinching touchdown.

And how could we ever forget the Coach (Deke Out) Dyck who rah-rahed us on from the bench . . . under the bench . . . behind the bench . . .

The MVP award is yet to be presented at the wind-up Banquet and by the looks of the Councilettes' all-star lineup, the decision will be a tricky one. Each member has given time and effort to every activity from Skating Parties to tending bar, but it hasn't all been fun and games right across the board. Yet, we all had a reasonably good time and I hope that you did as well.

WILL YOU BE WEARING THIS BUTTON WHEN YOU GRADUATE THIS SPRING?

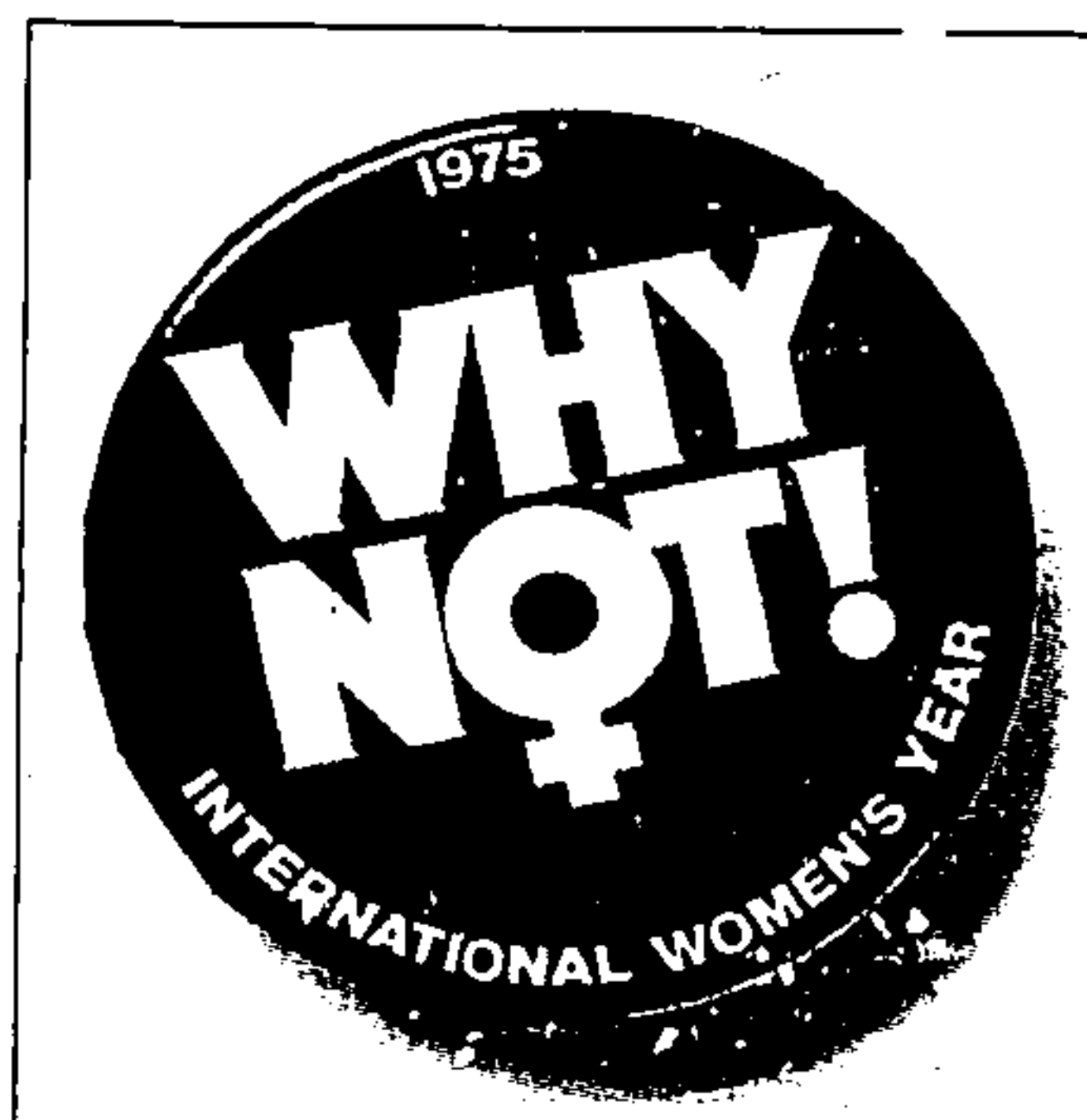
Canada has one of the finest educational systems in the world. But many Canadian employers unjustifiably underpay some very well-educated graduates of that system. Women.

A 24-year-old male, leaving university with a degree, earns on the average 19 per cent more in his first job than a woman of the same age with the same degree. A male high-school graduate can expect an average 34.2 per cent more than the equivalent female graduate. It just isn't right.

It just isn't right, either, that long before graduation, some schools still insist on channelling girls into home economics classes and boys into industrial arts.

Some girls make excellent mechanics and engineers. Some boys make excellent designers and chefs. Why curb their natural talents?

There is no logical reason why we should. Equal educational opportunities are guaranteed us under law, but there are prejudices and precedents. Society expects women to cook and sew because it expects them to get married one day. Don't men



get married too? Maybe they should learn household skills as well.

When it comes to employment, the same kind of archaic thinking brings us less pay and recognition. Certainly women get married, but many keep on working. Of some three million women working in Canada today, more than 50 per cent are married. Why are they being paid less than their husbands? Because they are married? How about a single working woman? It costs her as much to live as a single working man. So why is she also being forced to live on less? Particularly when 50.0 per cent of all Canadian women in the labour force, having completed their high-school education, have gone on to take

post-secondary training, compared to 39.3 per cent of the men. So no one can use the excuse that working women are less qualified.

The entire situation must change. But if it is to change, we have to start thinking of ourselves as equals. And demanding that others do, too. We have to teach our children to think differently. Because they are the next generation of educators and homemakers, employers and employees. We must break down the barriers of prejudice for ourselves and remove them entirely for our children.

If you would like more information on International Women's Year and the status of women in Canada, all you have to do is write us at: "WHY NOT!", OTTAWA, ONT., K1A 0A3.

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WHY NOT!

Watch Your Language

This article discusses how language is used by women and about women, and the ways in which it reflects their suppression.

— from the Salient

Our attitudes towards events, things and people are often reflected by the way we express ourselves, by our choice of vocabulary, grammatical construction and accent. We all learn, along with the formal or structural features of language, how to use language appropriately in different social situations. The process of socialization involves learning the constraints which society imposes on our behaviour — including language behaviour. We learn to speak appropriately to different people, in different settings about different topics. And the societies' values are often reflected in the code which is considered appropriate in a particular situation.

In a multilingual society this may involve a choice from a number of different languages. In a monolingual society it may involve a choice from among different styles in different contexts. The language we use to a professor differs from the language we use to a roommate for example. It is possible to hypothesize then, that in societies where women are oppressed, exploited, or a disvalued minority, the language used to women, by women and about women, will reflect these attitudes.

What kind of words are possible when talking about women? How are women referred to? Robin Lakoff in an article called "Language and Woman's Place" discusses the contrast 'woman' vs 'lady'. 'Lady' is often used for 'woman', especially when the context needs dignifying in some way; e.g. the more demeaning the job is the more likely that the female holding it will be described as a 'lady' hence 'cleaning lady', 'sales lady', 'tea lady'. . . It is considered more polite to say 'tea lady' than to talk of the 'teawoman'.

'Lady' Lakoff claims, has nonserious, frivolous or trivial connotations in many contexts. Compare the implications of 'lady' doctor, 'lady' sculptor, and 'woman' sculptor and 'woman' doctor. 'Ladies Liberation' is an unthinkable title for an organization and reflects the trivial and derogatory associations of the term.

Discrimination

Germaine Greer points out that many terms which were originally sexually neutral have "gained virulence by sexual discrimination." She cites examples like 'harlot', 'howden' and 'chit' which are nowadays used only to refer to women in a derogatory sense. The number of terms used to describe women as sexual objects is enormous. This may be due to the fact that the society regards women as primarily sexual beings, and thus relegates them to the status of objects.

What are the male equivalents of terms like 'slut', 'whore', and 'an easy lay'? Also notice the metaphorical connotations and derogatory implications of expressions like 'bitch', 'filly', 'kitten', 'chick', 'bird', 'goose', 'vixen', 'cow', and 'hen' — animal terms frequently applied to women. Or the food imagery like 'c'sh', 'sugar', 'cookie', 'crumpet', and 'a juicy piece'; and the derogatory implications of 'a bit of fluff', 'a crubber', 'a bit of skirt', or 'fat', 'a piece of ass' and so on.

Similarly the use of some specialized terms when applied to women again treat them as primarily sexual beings.

Compare "he's a professional" and "she's a professional." As Lakoff says "a man is defined in the serious world by what he does, a woman by her sexuality." The words 'promiscuous' and 'cheap' are words generally applied to women rather than men and in a sexual context rather than any other. The words 'prostitute' and 'virgin' have no commonly used male equivalents. Even 'grouple' which was intended by Frank Zappa to be free from perjorative coloring is now used and related to as an insult by the women it refers to.

HuMANity

Kate Millet in her book *Sexual Politics* refers to the use of 'man' to cover all human beings. One could add terms like 'mankind', 'man in the street', 'to man a shop', 'man trap', 'man hole', 'manpower', 'manmade', and 'chairman', 'manslaughter', and expressions like 'to a man' meaning without exception, and the use of the pronoun 'he' to refer to males and females.

Millet relates this practice to the patriarchal societies in which men possess all the power — political, military, financial, legal, industrial, etc. She says "within the Indo-European languages this is a nearly inescapable habit of mind for despite all the customary pretence that 'man' and 'humanity' are terms which apply equally to

both sexes, general application favours the male more often than the female as referent, or even sole referent of such applications.

In our western society feminists have claimed that 'man' is regarded as the norm, a 'woman' as a departure from the norm, using linguistic structure as evidence. The linguistic forms cited as evidence can be described as marked or unmarked: they are not restricted to sex differentiation.

When referring to people, the feminine is often marked by adding the prefix — "ness" to the male form, e.g. price, waiter, conductor. This is most true of terms referring social or occupational roles and it is understandable that the feminine forms are derived from the male forms, since the infiltration of women into professional roles was subsequent to the occupation of these roles by men. Language is now reflecting historical change.

In order to say anything useful about language and social values we need to look for cases where linguistic marking is significant or has developed significance over time, as in the case mentioned before where the word 'harlot' was once sexually neutral but is no longer. Examples from outside language include the existence of a marked category in newspaper layouts — the women's page (which suggests that what interest women is different from what interest men).

Lakoff looks at the contrast in meaning between master and mistress from the point of view of marked and unmarked forms. Master is unmarked in the sense of a master of a skill or academic field. (Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts as degrees have no female forms). Mistress, however is used to refer to women as sexual objects. A woman can be described as X's mistress; i.e., she belongs to him. She is defined as one of his possessions. Remember too, the final words of the marriage ceremony "I now pronounce you man and wife." The man's position is unchanged but the woman is defined in relation to the man.

And this brings us to 'Mr., Mrs., and Miss'. Women are given their identity in society by virtue of their relationship to men. A woman's marital status is considered important information in our society, even by women themselves. It affects the way a woman is treated, and until this is changed, the form Ms. won't be widely adopted. Social change must precede lexical change. Language reflects the attitudes, it can't alter them. The replacement of the word 'spinster' with its derogatory implications by 'bachelor girl' cannot force society to stop regarding spinsters as having failed in some way, or to have missed the boat, and so 'old maid' is another loaded term with no male equivalent.

"Fucking" and All That

Another aspect about the language used concerning women is the number of terms for sexual intercourse which reflect the fact that in our culture the woman is perceived as the passive victim or the partner who is screwed/poked/had/knocked off/knocked up/fucked by the man rather than a view of sexual intercourse as requiring equal contribution from both parties. The reasons probably lie in the socialization of women in society. They are not expected to be equal contributors in an interaction, physical or intellectual.

In other societies too, talk about women is often uncomplimentary to them and would never occur in their presence. In Indonesia Tanner says "Discussions about women . . . always utilize some sort of familiar stylistic variations which included what was called 'dirty slang'." The use of this was strictly a masculine prerogative and "should a woman enter the scene both topic and certain aspects of style were certain to receive immediate modification." It has been argued that this shows respect for women, but at the very least one can show that it certainly doesn't treat women as equals and more realistically, the change in style seems to be more akin to the embarrassment felt when a person one does not regard very highly walks into a conversation which has been uncomplimentary to him.

Language Used by Women

Robin Lakoff claims that the process of socialization for a girl involves the acquisition of a speech style which will later be used as an excuse for others to "keep her in a demeaning position, to refuse to take her seriously as a human being." This style will deny her the means "of expressing herself strongly on one hand," and encourage her to use "expressions that suggest triviality in subject matter and uncertainty about it on the other."

He claims for example, that women make more precise colour discriminations than men do: women will describe articles as 'beige', 'mauve', 'lavender', and so on where men consider such fine discrimination

trivial and unimportant. His explanation for this is that women are not expected to make decisions on important matters in our society so "they are relegated the non-clerical decisions as a sop."

Swear words are another area where only recently have women begun to use words which would previously have been condemned as unladylike or vulgar in a woman's speech style. Even now older women take exception to women who use words like 'shit' and 'fuck' in their conversation, even in contexts where they themselves might use these words in exasperation or annoyance. And the social rule which forbids men to swear in the presence of women is merely another reflection of males protecting women from reality or the expression of strong emotion.

Certain adjectives in English are generally classified as 'women's words.' Words like 'adorable', 'charming' and 'divine', for example. Lakoff describes these as words which express one's own personal, emotional reactions rather than words which attempt to gauge a general reaction. They are appropriate only for essentially trivial or frivolous references. Again they reflect the nonserious character of what are considered to be appropriate womanly concerns.

In actual fact, Lakoff claims, it is not simply that they are feminine words, it is rather that they signal that their users are not concerned with power in the society. So they may be used by hippies, homosexuals, and academics — all groups which society as a whole refuses to take seriously. For these groups it is possible to express "approval of the risks in a personal way — though one does so at the risk of losing one's credibility with members of the power structure."

Grammar, even

In the region of grammar it is claimed that women use "tag-questions" more frequently than men do. A tag-question is syntactically and functionally midway between an outright statement and a yes/no question, in terms of certainty. It involves less commitment than a statement, and asks for confirmation: e.g. "John's here, isn't he?" Women, Lakoff claims, use tag-questions more often when stating opinions, requiring confirmation and approval, e.g. "It looks good doesn't it?" And similarly they use a questioning intonation contour with statements more frequently than men do.

Commands and requests are another area of speech differences. Women are likely to add a number of signals to a request to make it sound less like a command. It gives the addressee some option about whether to agree. Compare "shut the door" to "won't you shut the door, please?"

All these features may be responsible for the fact that women's speech sounds more polite than men's. It is part of a woman's role not to impose her own views and claims on others, and the speech style she acquires allows her to fulfill this role.

Sexual Bargaining

Germaine Greer points out that the bargaining and the competitive element between men and women in our society is partly due to their lack of self-respect. The competitive element is reflected in phrases like "she caught her man." Similarly women see their "techniques of sexual bargaining jeopardized by those who make themselves cheap." As Germaine Greer points out, "if women are to be better valued by men, they must value themselves more highly."

Some of the features of women's attitudes to each other reinforce the argument that women are a minority group in society. They judge each other as harshly or more harshly than men judge them, in many cases. Philip Goldberg, a social psychologist, demonstrated the fact that women consider themselves inferior in an experiment which presented for assessment the same article to a group of women students under a male author's name for some women and under a female author for others. Male authors received more favourable ratings in all occupational fields; statistically significant differences were found in the fields of law, city planning, and linguistics. "There is a traditional bias by women against women, and it is strongest in traditionally masculine fields." He said there was a tendency among women to downgrade the work of a professional of their own sex. This was true even in traditionally female fields such as dietetics, nursing, and teaching. It seems that women must learn to respect each other as a first step in the fight for equal status in our society.

Happenings

Happenings is a free service designed to let the university community know of important events during the coming week on campus. Should your group desire to place a "blurb" in this section, submit it either in typed form or by phone to the lambda office by the Thursday before Tuesday publication.

March 13

The Department of English and Platform for the Arts is sponsoring a reading by GEORGE YOWERING, a well-known Canadian poet and critic. Thursday, March 13, at 8 p.m. in the Governor's Lounge. ALL WELCOME - NO ADMISSION CHARGE!

March 17, 18, 19

School of Social Work elections:
Nominations open March 3, 1975, and close March 14, 1975 at 4:30 for the School of Social Work elections.
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MARCH 22, 1975.

International Students' Association of Cambrian (ISAC) - Cultural Dinner at Barry-downe Campus on Saturday, March 22, 1975. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. - Dance to follow; Music by: Columbo... Cocktails at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

March 16

Everyone interested in any aspect of theatre-acting, directing, or writing, is invited to drop into Student Street Theatre G-3 next Sunday, March 16th around 2 p.m. If you have any questions or want further information, call Fred Mallin at 675-1151, Ext. 314.

March 19

The School of Translators invites students and faculty to view the film "L'Optique" on Wednesday, March 19th at noon in C-309. Admission is free.

MARCH 22

THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF BILINGUALISM WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1975, AT 9:00AM IN ROOM C-112.

Application to graduate Spring '75

Students wishing to graduate at the Spring Convocation 1975 must submit an application for graduation to the Office of the Registrar prior to March 31, 1975. Applications, transcripts and instructions have been mailed to all students who indicated on their 1974-75 Registration Form that they intended to graduate this Spring. If, for some reason, you did not receive an application form in the mail, please check with the Registrar's Office.

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